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The Forward O. P.

The telephone and telegraph companies must have done a better than average business from the effects of the recent shaking up we got in this neck of the woods. As could be expected the midwestern and eastern papers and radio stations played it up for all it was worth. Consequently anxious relatives really made the wires hum betwixt y'ar and thar. K. L. Williams is authority for the statement that a recent broadcast announcement stated that the greatest loss of life from an earthquake was in St. Louis, Missouri, believe it or not, back in the roaring twenties. I'll still take the quake in preference to a couple of tornados that I've experienced.

Here is something on which the many civic organizations might start working. Last Sunday Officer John K. Wood of the California Highway Patrol spent a few hours checking the motorists at the stop sign in our business district. In his opinion it does more harm than good. He recommends a 35 mile zone through our town and the elimination of the stop sign. There are arguments for both sides of the question. How about talking it over?

FIGHT TB
Buy Christmas Seals

Christmas Lights Are On In Joshua Tree

When night descends on the little desert community of Joshua Tree hundreds of lights begin to gleam and twinkle from store windows and the huge Joshua trees that have been decorated for the Yuletide season. The brightest spot in the town is the Joshua tree on Park Boulevard at the 29 Palms Highway intersection. Sparkling, colorful ornaments made by the pupils of the elementary school are looped around the upraised branches and strings of colored lights shed brilliance that is reflected by the bits of metal swaying in the desert breezes. Atop the ancient Joshua is a graceful cross that sends its Christmas message in a blaze of incandescence.

Helping the youngsters as they fashioned the decorations were Mrs. Lloyd Wiser, Mrs. Harry Wheeler and Mrs. Nellie Decker. The Community Association committee that decorated the tree was James Shearn, chairman, assisted by James Phillips, F. F. Branthoover, Louis Cantz, H. Monroe Norris, Harold Jost and Lindsay Adams.

Decorations were furnished by the Joshua Tree Women's Club and the materials for the cross are a gift of F. F. Branthoover.

The Joshuas in front of the Trading Post Market, Coulters Court and Valley Vista Village are also gay with colored lights and Christmas decorations. Business firms along the highway have trimmed their windows with cheerful holly wreaths and strings of colored lights.

On Thursday night a half hundred residents gathered around the Community tree and, led by Mrs. Herb Longshaw, sang carols to the musical accompaniment of a portable organ furnished by Mrs. May Beckwith. A repetition of the carolling is planned for tonight before the regular Tuesday meeting of the Community Association. The townsfolk will gather at 7:30 for the half hour sing.

Everywhere in evidence is the Christmas spirit in Joshua Tree.

Feed Co. Execs And Turkey Growers Dine

Executives of the Ranch-Way Feeds division of Colorado Milling and Elevator Co., were hosts to a score of Sun Valley and 29 Palms turkey growers and their wives at Nelsons Cafe in Joshua Tree last Wednesday night. It was the first annual meeting of the Sun Valley Turkey Growers Association.

The Ranch-Way plan was presented in talks by the visiting officials on management, purchasing, nutrition, maketing and financing. Speaking for the host company were H. F. Rogers, director of research and purchases; James Vaughn, manager Ranch-Way division; T. D. Griffin, sales manager Los Angeles division; J. W. McAndrews, Redlands distributor; and R. G. Beals, territory sales manager from Los Angeles. Speaking for the local growers was Robert Kroes, pioneer Sun Valley turkey raiser.

"Windy Willie" Nelson provided vocal and instrumental entertainment.

C of C Chooses New Officers And Directors

Officers and members of the board of directors for 1949 were chosen by members of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting last Friday night in the Community Hall. Balloting for all officers resulted in close decisions. Gerald O. McMillen, Journal editor, was named president. Officers elected to serve with him are Louis Cantz, vice president; Cleta Clark, secretary and Mrs. Charles A. Mitchell, treasurer. Elected to the board of directors for a three year term are Roy V. Pierpoint, Robert Garry and Herb Longshaw. These officers and directors will take office on January 1st, 1949.

Holdover directors for two and one more years are Hillard Lafferty, Robert Kroes, Hubert Aldridge, John L. Duncan, Charles A. Mitchell and R. E. Stacey. At a directors meeting before the election the resignations of former directors George Beard and Robert K. Fields were regretfully accepted. Both men expect to be away from Joshua Tree indefinitely.

In a discussion of flood control G. A. Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crane, K. L. Williams and McMillen reported on various aspects of the situation as it pertains to Coyote Hole drainage.

Newly elected officers and directors were called upon for acceptance speeches. In his talk vice-president-elect Cantz voiced sharp criticism of the former officers and board for methods of underwriting the spring Turtle Races which resulted in an apparent misunderstanding with two or three business men. He was supported in his arguments by C. V. Wilson. Speaking for the board and clarifying the situation former President Meredith Willey and Directors Fields and Kroes replied at length.

In the absence of Vice President Wilds the presiding officer was R. K. Fields.

Membership applications accepted by the board of directors included L. W. Laughlin, owner of Desert Steak House; J. H. Rice, electrical contractor; Robert K. Garry, owner Garry's Shell Service; Louis Cantz, business manager of Golden Tree Health Lodge; and Herb Longshaw, owner of Desert Trading Post.

New Corporation Absorbs Bunker Enterprises

The Joshua Tree Townsite Company and the Bunker Land Company have been absorbed by a new corporation, The Bunker-Summers Land Company, according to a statement Sunday by Chester R. Bunker, president of the new organization and head of the absorbed units. Officers of the new concern in addition to Bunker, are Forrest M. Summers, vice president and treasurer; Steve Moninger, 2nd vice president; William G. Bunker, secretary, and Elizabeth Cupp, assistant secretary. The five officers named constitute the board of directors.

At the present time the activity of the new corporation is entirely devoted to the development of the Rancho Sun Valley area. The older companies were the chief developers of the major tracts in Joshua Tree during the past few years.

Community Ass'n Reelects Jost

Harold Jost, Joshua Tree building supply dealer, was reelected president of the Joshua Tree Community Association for 1949 at the annual meeting held in the Community Hall last Tuesday night. Michael Malia was elected vice-president; secretary is Mrs. Gus Ojala and treasurer is Ray Moore. These officers are also members of the board of directors of the Association. The five additional directors elected are Harry Wheeler, James Shearn, Gray Krumcke, G. A. Lindberg and Gerald McMillen.

It was announced that a joint meeting of the PTA and the Community Association will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday, December 21.

Added to the equipment of the Hall is a butane stove, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Pierpoint.

Tootle Heads Sun Valley Club

Robert Tootle, early desert settler, was elected president of the Sun Valley Club at the election held in the Kroes Feed House. Chosen by the thirty members in attendance to function with the new president were Mrs. Charles Mitchell, vice president; Mrs. Jack Chesler, secretary, Mrs. Warren Scott, treasurer; and Jack Chesler, sergeant at arms.

After the business session a social hour was enjoyed. Cookies and coffee were served.

The next meeting of the Sun Valley Club will be held the last Thursday in January.

TURKEY RAISERS PLAN BIG PRODUCTION NEXT YEAR

1949 will be a bumper year for Rancho Sun Valley turkey growers, judging from the bustling activity now in progress there. Many new brooder houses are under construction and fencing is going on at a great rate. Orders to the Southern California Turkey Growers Association for eggs to be hatched now total nearly 30,000, with a half dozen growers yet to be heard from. With the coming of electric power the thriving poultry center should make rapid strides in the development of its own incubating and processing facilities.

Information furnished by Robert Kroes shows the following egg orders already placed; Weygold — 3,000; Briggs — 3,000; Schroeder Bros. — 10,000; Stepp — 1,000; Kroes — 4,000; Dutton — 3,000; and Terrazas — 3,000. Hatchings will be set so that poults will be delivered from February thru to April. The Association guarantees a 75 per cent hatch. According to Fred W. Rahn, manager of the S. C. T. G. A. at Riverside, the cooperative has heavy bookings for eggs and it is recommended that growers place their orders as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

On the Weygold ranch a new aluminum sided brooder house was finished last week. Mr. and Mrs. William Briggs have poured the foundation for their brooder and service house and will start fencing soon. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Halstead plan to fence their entire acreage in the near future. Activity at the King ranch is scheduled soon and several families are now discussing house building plans with local contractors.

The Personal Touch

After three weeks spent in Los Angeles Mrs. Maggie Kasal returned to Joshua Tree last Saturday in time to experience the quake.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Beard and two sons of Pomona were overnight guests at his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. George Beard, Tuesday. They celebrated the latters' wedding anniversary.

Farm advisers Campbell and McCornack of the Agricultural Extension office in San Bernardino were Journal office visitors last Tuesday. They toured the Monument on their way to 29 Palms where they were to confer with ranchers regarding irrigated pastures.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell spent Friday in Los Angeles on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lee of San Diego are spending several weeks with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lee. They brought their trailer to the desert to enjoy the sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haynes of Los Angeles arrived Friday night to spend the weekend. They stayed at Valley View Motel.

A. E. Martois of Lomita drove to Joshua Tree Saturday to spend the weekend at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Halstead of Burbank spent the weekend in Joshua Tree and Sun Valley planning for improvements to their turkey ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robb and Jerry Lucey of Los Angeles were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wheeler for the weekend. The Robbs renewed their Journal subscription for two years. Jerry Lucey took a number of photographs of the Monument and other desert scenes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyday spent the first part of last week in San Bernardino.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Fields left Sunday to spend a few days in Inglewood. They will return to Joshua Tree on Friday.

Miss Esther Johnson who is with the Auto Club of Southern California was a weekend guest at Mira Monte Courts. Miss Johnson has purchased the Clark home on El Reposo and is having it readied for an attractive rental property.

Louise Hammett and Coral Melanson of Los Angeles spent the weekend in Joshua Tree and Rancho Sun Valley where they hope soon to make their home. They were guests at Valley View Motel.

Of interest to their Joshua Tree friends will be the news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Art Storey of Artesia on November 21. The baby has been named Carl Michael. Mrs. Storey formerly was a substitute teacher in the Morongo district.

Mr. and Mrs. William Longshaw who are spending the winter with the Herb Longshaws are now visiting the family of another brother, Harry Longshaw, in Alhambra.

Mrs. Flo Magill left Sunday to be with her sister, Mrs. May Carl in Los Angeles, who was taken to General Hospital because of a sudden illness. Mrs. Magill drove to the city with Ed Baldwin.

School To Have Xmas Program

Pre-school age and grade school children will be the guests at a Christmas party on Friday night of this week at the schoolhouse. The PTA, Womens Club, and Sunday School are the sponsoring organizations. In charge of the program will be Mrs. H. K. Lee and Mrs. Vera Braham. A Christmas program will be presented by the pupils of the school. The cast of characters is printed in the School Notes. The committee in charge states that everyone is welcome. The date is December 17, and the time is 7:30 P.M.

Christmas Mail Rush Is On

The volume of mail handled at the Joshua Tree Postoffice is evidence that the Christmas spirit is very much alive, states Postmaster Grace Aldridge. Parcel Post now constitutes a major portion of the mail being handled. In order to have Christmas packages arrive in time for pre-Christmas delivery Postmaster Aldridge advises patrons to mail their gifts as early as possible.

The Joshua Tree Postmaster was invited to attend a demonstration of helicopter mail delivery at the San Bernardino Orange Show heliport last Saturday. The demonstration was given in connection with the County Postmasters meeting.

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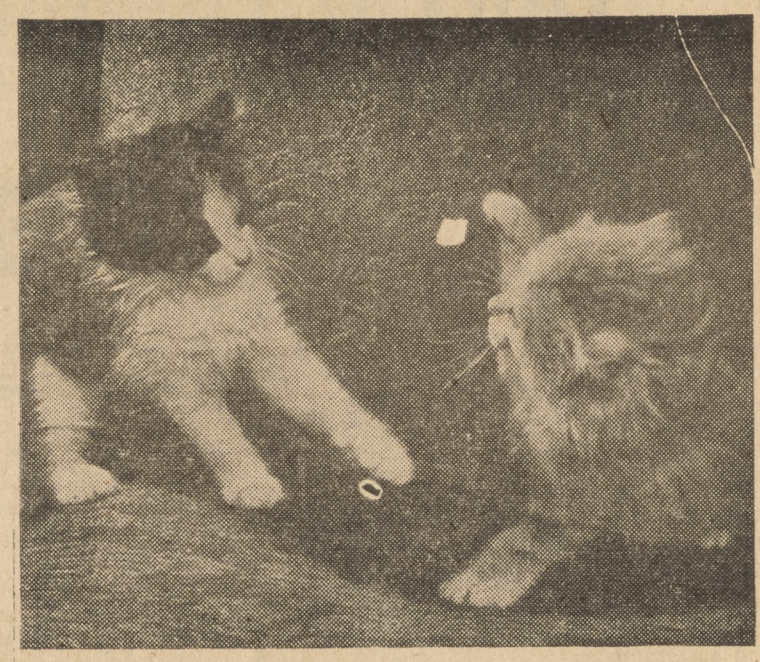

"A-a-ah, your father's mustache!" seems to be what the kitten on the right, with haymaker poised, is telling his feline sparring mate. Ruth Conway, Huntington Park, Calif., photographer, who made this appealing Speed Graphic shot, suffered several scratches separating the ferocious pair afterward.

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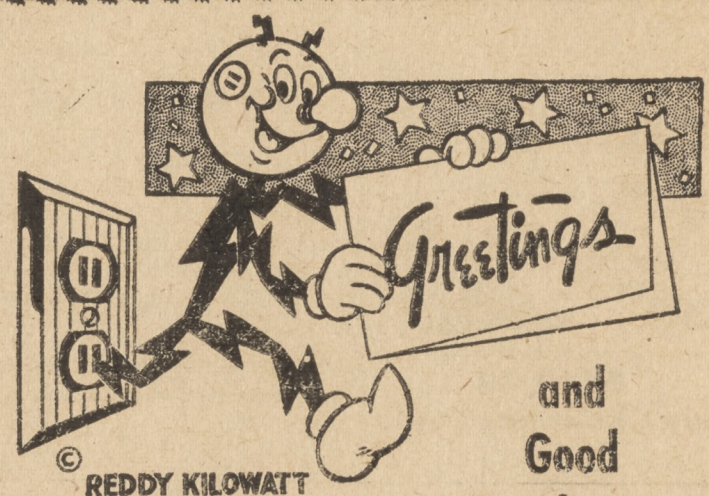

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Yucca Valley Notes

By DOROTHY STEPHENSON

E. C. Hardesty, Yucca Valley's well known merchant, and Florence Burns of Burbank were married on Monday, December 6th in Salome, Arizona. This came as a surprise to their many friends and we wish the newlyweds much happiness. At present they are making their home at the Desert Queen Motel.

Mrs. Viola Steele left last week to visit friends and relatives in Boise, Idaho. She plans to be gone several months.

Ira L. Benton of Los Angeles came out last week to spend a few days at his Zephyr Lodge. He was quite interested to find out if there were any damage to his property as a result of the quake.

The W. C. Lindsays and their guests Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindsay returned from their motor trip to San Francisco last week. They reported a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Marge Kaiser and Barbara, daughter and granddaughter respectively of E. C. Hardesty, moved to Banning last week. They had been staying with the Hardestys for several weeks after moving from San Diego. Marge is working in her brother Ed's floor covering business in Banning.

Little DeeDee Lawrence of Pasadena is spending several weeks at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humphreville of Yucca Valley Inn.

Walter A. Harrell returned last week from Texas. He was away visiting relatives in his native state.

Recent guests of the Hardestys were Hilda's sister-in-law, Mrs. Connie Niemeyer and her little niece, Billie Jean and nephew, Jean of Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. Art Hollenback is leaving soon to join her husband in San Bernardino. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sparrow are leasing her laundry during her absence.

The opening of the Valley Feed Store last Friday evening was attended by a large crowd of local residents as well as officials of the Purina Feeds Company and their families. There were talks by Verne Elleman and Elmer Britain of the Ralston Purina firm and Joseph Wasserburger of the Joshua Monument National Bank. Motion pictures of feeding programs were shown. Coffee and doughnuts were served. Proprietor of the new concern is R. L. Bob Stephenson.

The Man At The Keyhole

By Operative WB

Fully recovered from the "ignominious" GOP defeat at the hands of President Harry Truman, 500 rampaging Southern California Republicans are determined to rebuild the party in California — from top to bottom. First resolution on the reform agenda, our operative reports, demands the immediate resignation, "in all decency", of most present leaders from positions held in the party!

Washington sources predict that dividends will be forthcoming to veterans on their GI insurance shortly after the first of the year — to the tune of over a billion dollars.

Ambitious Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, the man who could have been Truman's running mate for the asking—but decided not to chance defeat — already is busily assaying his chances for securing the Demo presidential nomination in '52, according to the political grapevine. Don't they say that the Supreme Court is divorced from politics."

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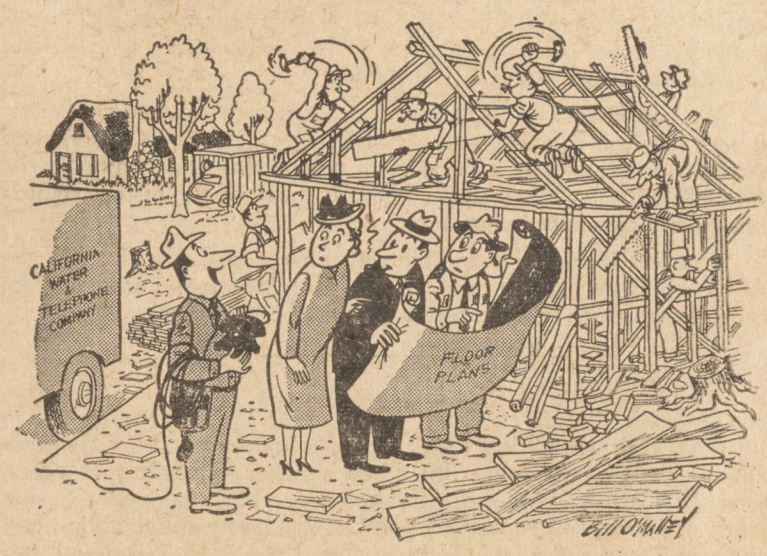

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THE DESERT LOSES A FRIEND

Morongo Valley and this entire desert area mourns the passing of a well-known and highly regarded friend and neighbor. Frank Sabathe died on Sunday of last week. He leaves a host of friends whose lives have been made easier by his freely given counsel and his good-neighbor help and friendship.

Born in France in 1869 Frank Sabathe came to America when he was sixteen. He was one of the earliest settlers in this region. Some of his early days were spent in prospecting and mining in the Old Dale district. He probably knew as much of the history of this area as any one now living here.

Frank Sabathe will be sincerely missed and his place in the life of the desert will be hard to fill. But Morongo Valley and its sister communities are the better because he lived here.

DR. TOWNSEND'S AT THE DOOR

The Townsend Plan didn't actually appear on the California ballot at the last election. But when a little over half the voters, wearied by a long parade of propositions, failed to read the fine print and approved Proposition 4 out of sympathy for the blind and aged, the Townsend Plan's founder, Dr. Francis E. Townsend, became news again.

The problem of what to use for money to finance the staggering cost of the new pension law is giving State officials ulcers. That's where Dr. Townsend comes in—with a ready cure. The State, he says, is welcome to use the Townsend Plan tax program which he has been trying vainly to prescribe for years.

The Townsend Plan, in case you've forgotten, called for a 3 per cent gross income tax on all individuals making more than $250 per month, which would be distributed monthly among all old age pensioners, with the proviso that they put it all back into circulation within the month.

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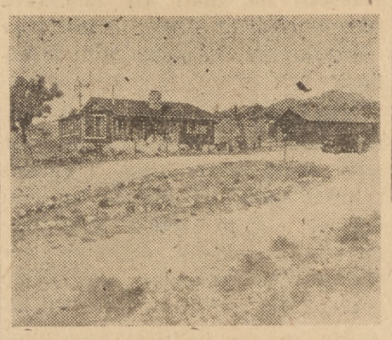
Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

SO DARK THE NIGHT

By JUNE Le MERT PAXTON

In the darkness of the night-time,
When the moon is still too new,
'Round the corners of my cabin
Winds moan out a deep "Woo-oo."

In these eerie hours of witch-time
As the sprites come out to prance,
Coyote-howls across the sand dunes
Lend a mockery to the dance.

From my cabin, lone, in darkness,
As the wind makes a dismal wail,
Faint beams from a flickering candle
Spend their strength to no avail.

Oh, unjust to say the candle
Wastes its glow to make a light,
For it brings a bit of comfort
To my cabin-home tonight!
(From the book of poems, Desert Peace, by this author.)

Health for All

EDUCATION vs. DISEASE

Tuberculosis has been forced down from first to seventh place as a cause of death in this country since the turn of the century but still takes the lives of more young people between 15 and 44 years of age than any other disease.

The fact that decided progress has been made toward the conquest of this disease encourages the hope that further strides can be made until tuberculosis ceases to threaten the health and happiness of any of our people.

One reason that advances have been possible against this disease is that people are better informed about tuberculosis and its control today than they were 50 years ago. With the organization of the National Tuberculosis Association in 1904, a nationwide educational campaign was launched in this country to give the people the true facts about tuberculosis and the steps which they can take to protect themselves against this communicable disease.

The educational campaign has helped dispel the hopeless attitude which people once had toward tuberculosis. Where once it was thought to be a death sentence, it is now known the disease can be cured. Where once tuberculosis was believed to be inherited, it is now known that tuberculosis is not inherited but is caught from people who have active tuberculosis.

As a result of education, people have learned that action can be taken to prevent the spread of the disease, that treatment can be provided to restore the health of its victim. As a result of education, they are insisting upon measures to control the spread of the disease in their own communities, upon adequate facilities for the care of tuberculous patients.

Education is still one of the main functions of the National Tuberculosis Association and its 3,000 affiliated associations throughout this country, Alaska, the Canal Zone, Hawaii and Pureto Rico and will continue to be an essential part of their anti-tuberculosis campaign until the disease is finally eradicated. With case-finding, rehabilitation and medical research, education is one of the services of the associations supported by the sale of Christmas Seals which this year opened Nov. 22 and will continue until Christmas.

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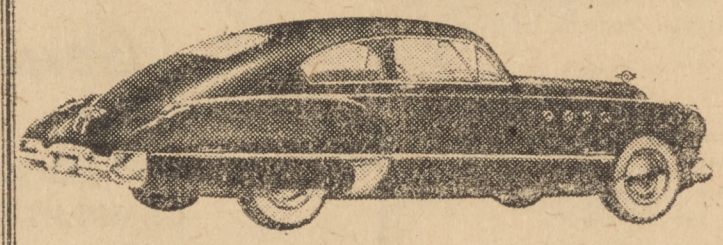

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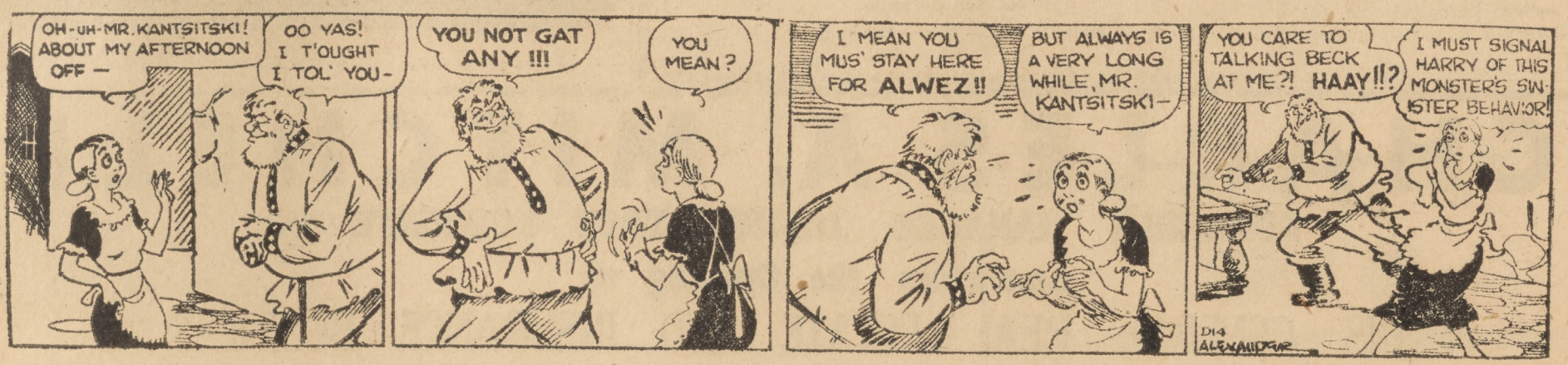
OH-UH-MR. KANTSITSKI! ABOUT MY AFTERNOON OFF —
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YOU MEAN?
I MEAN YOU MUS' STAY HERE FOR ALWEZ!!
BUT ALWAYS IS A VERY LONG WHILE, MR. KANTSITSKI—
YOU CARE TO TALKING BECK AT ME?! HAAY!!?
I MUST SIGNAL HARRY OF THIS MONSTER'S SINISTER BEHAVIOR!
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Joshua Tree School Notes

Christmas Program

December 17, 1948 8 P.M.

School— Sportsmen's Building

Invocation—Mrs. Edythe Fraetis.

"Prophets of Christ"

By Mrs. H. K. Lee.

Reader—Dorothy Duval.

Prophets—Damon Wheeler, Scottie Marble, Gary Hoover, Monty Norris, James Lafferty, Billy Brown, Terry Decker, Roger Braham, Donald Braham.

Chorus: Annalee Beard, Nancy Marble, Becky Bryant, Virginia Bauer, Ramona Jones, Sandra Van Tassel and Shirley Hoover.

Manger Scene: Joan Papendick as "Mary," Tommy Decker as "Joseph," Dixie Lee Kinas and Judy Adams as "Angels," Wally Beard, Dennis Jost and Howard Braham as "Shepherds."

Christmas Tree: Joshua Tree Sunday School, PTA and Woman's Club.

Friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to attend.

Having a Safe Christmas Tree

You can make your Christmas tree relatively fireproof and at the same time keep it greener, according to J. Hutchinson, Assistant Farm Advisor in Riverside County, if you buy it early and stand it in the shade in a solution of chemical.

Hutchinson suggests you buy your Christmas trees early. Recut the trunk diagonally an inch above the old cut and stand it in a sulphate of ammonia solution. You can buy sulphate of ammonia at your neighborhood nursery store. Dissolve 2 to 5 pounds of the sulphate of ammonia in water, depending on size of tree, using one and one-half pints for each pound of sulphate of ammonia. Stand the tree in the solution in a cool place until ready to decorate. A good fresh tree will absorb this solution in about four days, when solution is gone replace with water. The longer the tree has been cut and the more it has dried before you put it in the solution, the less it will absorb.

Another safety precaution around a Christmas tree is to fireproof the cotton used for "snow." Lay the cotton sheets out on a board and spray them with a solution of seven ounces of borax and three ounces of boracic acid dissolved in two quarters of hot water. Let the cotton dry before putting it under the tree. Cloth or paper ornaments can be sprayed with or dipped in this same solution.

Doctor Urges Seal Sale Support

If we are to reach our goal of eradicating tuberculosis in this county every one of us must seize every opportunity to participate actively in the campaign against the disease, Dr. Merle E. Cosand, Health Officer, said today in a statement urging countywide support of the 1949 Christmas Seal Sale.

Dr. Cosand said that the 1948 Seal Sale was as important to the nation today as it was in 1907, the year of the first Seal Sale in the United States, because "we still have a long road to travel before complete victory over the disease is attained."

"Certainly we have gone far in prevention and control of tuberculosis since 1907, but the disease still kills nearly 50,000 Americans a year and it takes the lives of more people between 15 and 44 than any other disease. In the county of San Bernardino last year 127 persons died from tuberculosis.

"While such a situation exists in this country, it is obvious that we cannot relax our vigilance and our efforts. We cannot rest on the laurels of our past record because our job is far from fnished. We have an estimated 1,270 people with active tuberculosis in the County of San Bernardino and of that number less than half are known to the health authorities. The others must be found and placed under treatment."

Dr. Cosand said that finding these unknown cases, every one of which is a threat to the health of others, depended on the cooperation of the entire community in local chest Xlray programs.

"Although tuberculosis, when it first strikes, has no outward, obvious symptoms, it can be found in this early stage by means of a chest X-ray. Therefore, every adult in our county should have a chest X-ray at least once a year. If apparently healthy people have chest X-rays routinely, tuberculosis can be found early, when it is easiest to cure.

"The tuberculosis association's case-finding projects are financed by Christmas Seal funds. Therefore your generous support of the 1948 Seal Sale means your individual backing of the case-finding activities which form an important part in the county'h prevention and control of tuberculosis in your community."

The Association's X-ray unit will be located in front of the office, 368 Court Street, San Bernardino, on Dec. 14th, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Payment of $201,399.59 being accepted by Marguerite Hyde, Riverside County Tax Collector from Russel Drake, Tax Agent for the California Electric Power Company. With Drake is Ralph Spitsnaugle, Tax Clerk for the Power Company.

Power Co. Pays $200,000 Tax

Riverside County Tax Collector Marguerite Hyde and her Tax Department were $201,399.59 richer as of December 3, as a result of a check handed to her in that amount by R. R. Drake, Tax Agent for the California Electric Power Company, representing the first installment on taxes levied against the Power Company in Riverside County for the fiscal year 1948-49. Total taxes levied against the Company by the County for the fiscal year amounts to $229,090.52.

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Morongo Valley Notes

By RUTH HALE

The Community Christmas Party will be held in the Community House, Saturday evening at seven o'clock. The children are all working hard on their part of the program. There will be a Tree and we hope that Santa will visit the party. Everyone is invited. Let's all be there!

Last Monday, Drew Secrist and Mrs. F. N. Archer, each took a carload of boys to Los Angeles. The boys are all members of the newly formed Baseball Club. Each boy was fitted with a uniform and equipment was purchased for the teams activities.

It was a big day for the boys. Not only did they have the thrill of buying the equipment but they had the opportunity of seeing Los Angeles in its Christmas attire. They lunched at Phillipi's. Those who took the trip are Frederick and Donald Barber, Paul Geeson, Richard Hess, Willard Holman, David McCracken, Bobby Hobgood, Lauren Law, Pat Scott and Johnnie Welcher. Jerry Reed, another member of the team was not able to go.

Various sponsors of the team are: Chamber of Commerce, the Buckskin Club, Morongo Inn, the Juniper Tree, Morongo Lodge, Livingstone's Guest Ranch, the Hitching Post, Monty Law, Drew Secrist, Cyril Millington, Pat O'Neil, Harry Hess and Chas. Butterbaugh. Many others made cash donations which are very much appreciated.

Morongo Valley has just been made a gift of about four acres of land, which will be used as a Park for the community. The land was donated by Leonard Covington and the park will be named Covington Park in honor of the donor. The land will be deeded to the Chamber of Commerce. There will be a baseball diamond, barbecue pits and picnic tables and chairs. It will be on a paved road.

Mr. Woodworth is donating his labor and equipment to clean off the grounds and is also planning to level the school grounds.

On January 17th a clinic will be held in the Community Building. There will be two nurses and a doctor there at that time to give immunization shots for Diphtheria and Small-pox. Those who have children over six months and under eleven may make application at the school for this service, which will be free of charge.

A Park Board was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. Drew Sechrist was named President with Bob Ulrich and Kenny Byrd as directors.

A Parent's Group, sponsored by the Morongo Valley Women's Club, met at the Community Building to organize. Mrs. Hobgood was appointed chairman and Mrs. Barber secretary. Plans were discussed for a pot-luck supper which will be held the 31st of Jan. when the children will put on an entertainment for the parents and the parents will reciprocate.

Parents of all the children of the Valley are invited to join this group.

A county nurse will be in the valley on Jan. 3rd to talk to the mothers on matters of health.

Mrs. Walter Garvin of South Pasadena has been the guest of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Boutwell, for the past week. Mrs. Garvin has made her mark as a writer in many fields. She is the Woman's Editor of Southern Californian and is the president of the Poets Club of Los Angeles. She is also an artist on the harp.

Mrs. Mable Lord, of New York City and Los Angeles, and Mrs. Enos of Racine, Wis., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Boutwell. Mrs. Lord is Mrs. Boutwell's sister and is an artist of note. She has done several sketches and paintings of our valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson entertained the Pinochle Club on Friday eve. Dinner was served and MacDougal Thompson was the honored guest, as it was his birthday. Mrs. Cubit presented Mac with a beautiful birthday cake, decorated with poinsiettas and happy birthday. After the game coffee and cake was served. Johnny Lanning had high score.

At the January meeting of the Morongo Valley Woman's Social Club, Mrs. LeVee of Yucca Valley will talk on gardening. She has carried on extensive experiments in desert gardening. After the talk there will be a round table discussion.

Thursday exening, Dec. 16, the ladies will gather at Sechrist's Trailer Court to fill the stockings for the Christmas Party. It is hoped that as many as can will come.

Cyril Millington, local Real Estate Broker is now located in his new office on the highway. With him are John L. Lyons and Paul E. Goakes, owners and developers of the Morongo Highland's Tract.

New Owners At Juniper Tree

The Juniper Tree, formerly the Hilltop Cafe, will open for business on Friday, December 17th.

Arthur and Mary Bartholomew recently purchased the business and have made extensive repairs and improvements. They will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and will feature the finest of foods, imported wines and beers. There will also be fountain service.

Mr. Bartholomew has served the public in many cities of California, and has quite a following. Already many reservations are in for the holiday season.

Mine host of the Juniper Tree has had a wide experience. After serving as steward with Cunard and P. O. Steamship Lines he engaged in the hotel business in the east. Following this Bartholomew came west where he has since been serving the public in famous establishments throughout Califonia and Arizona. He believes that the public appreciates a pleasant atmosphere and fine service as well as good food. The community welcomes the Bartholomews and wishes them success.

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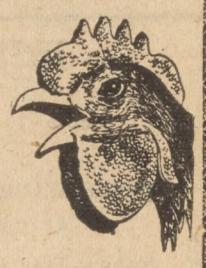
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Church Corner

by Edythe Fraetis

Our Sunday School attendance was twenty-three this week.

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday the Bible Study group will meet at the home of John L. Duncan. Milo T. Crane will be the leader.

Sunday being Bible Day Dr. D. C. Williams chose "The Bible" as his topic and read a portion of the first Chapter of Genesis.

The whole Bible is really a book of Light—general, fundamental and basic. There is nothing on earth except life and death; not a thing outside this cycle.

If there is no light in the incident then there is darkness. People cannot see because of darkness in their minds and hearts. Light always comes after darkness. Jesus is the Light. He was the beginning.

Genesis is a book of beginnings—light, creation, life, sin and redemption. Some ask why animals were created before man. All creation was incidental the masterpiece—man. It was not time to create man until the whole plan was ready for man's use and enjoyment.

Man's successes and failures are shown. No other book chronicles man's failures so closely. So people close the Book for they do not like to read of weaknesses of man. But the Bible was designed to be a part of every one of us—not to be read once a week or when in trouble. It should be used as a guide in our daily lives.

The Bible is God's Book in which He manifests Himself. It all belongs together. One seeking revelations must begin with Genesis and follow through to Revelations. So let us live by reading God's Word.

Scout Council Forming

More than thirty men from the communities in this desert area met at the Joshua Tree Lodge last Tuesday night to hear officials of the Arrowhead Council tell of the importance of Scouting in the life of a town. The benefits to the boys from participation in the program of the Boy Scouts of America were told. A committee was selected to formulate a Council organization plan for this area. Bob Garry of Joshua Tree will serve with committee members from 29 Palms, Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and Pioneertown.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Sunday Services 11 a.m.
Sunday School same hour.
Wed. evening service 8 p.m.
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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Prayer meeting, Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. P. J. O'Dowd, pastor.
Sunday Mass, 8 - 9 - 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sermon, 11 a.m.
American Legion Cottage

EPISCOPAL SERVICES
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3rd Tuesday each month
School House, 8 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PTA
2nd Tuesday each month.

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First and third Fridays.
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